

**APPROVED**

**Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee**

**January 3, 2008**

Members present: Harry Beyer, Gerry Boyle, Elissa Brown, Jim Coutre, Dinny McIntyre, Ken Miller, Barbara Pike, Andrea Siani, Jim Terry

Members absent: none

Others present: Marcia Rasmussen and a number of citizens

Moved, seconded and voted 9-0: Elissa Brown was elected chair, and Barbara Pike was elected clerk.

Minutes from December 6 were approved 9-0. Minutes from December 13 were corrected and approved 9-0.

The committee thanked Jim Terry for his yeoman's service as committee chair for the past two years.

Committee updates:

Question about whether VHB has sufficient information about the surface material for the 25% design.

Comment that there have been no recent discussions with MCI.

Comment that there will be articles on the Town Meeting warrant submitted by petition that relate to the rail trail.

Clarification requested on the Freedom of Information requests.

The NRC has continued its discussion of the ANRAD flagging until January 23. (Memo from Delia Kaye was subsequently distributed via e-mail.)

Discussion of the rail crossing in West Concord center. Jim Shuris will be asked to discuss this with the FRA (Federal Railroad Administration???)

VHB will have parts of the 25% design available at the meetings on January 17th and 24th. Questions were asked about the culvert under Powder Mill Road and when, in the complete design process, abutter concerns about privacy will be addressed.

The schedule leading up to Town Meeting was discussed.

The 25% design is due from VHB on January 31.

A public hearing will be held February 12 or 13, depending on room availability

Comments are due to VHB by February 19.

It is anticipated that VHB's final 25% design will be completed on March 5.

The Selectmen's warrant hearing is scheduled for March 3. The Board of Selectmen will be asked if they would hold a separate hearing for the rail trail articles at a later date, perhaps March 17th, in order to incorporate any changes into the 25% design.

Committee meetings were scheduled for Jan. 17th and 24th and February 7th at 7:30 am.

Citizen comments were heard from Judy LaRocca, Bill Gluck, Jill Appel, Peter Flynn, Julie Melbin.

Meeting adjourned 8:51 am.

Barbara Pike, Clerk